

Written testimony on Senate Concurrent Resolution 4005

Chairman Klemin and Judiciary Committee Members

My name is Kevin Herrmann from Beulah, ND. I am representing myself as a lifelong citizen of North Dakota and an hourly wage worker.

I stand in opposition of Senate Concurrent Resolution 4005. Senate Concurrent Resolution 4005 will change Article III "Powers Reserved to the People" section 9 with a sentence added "An initiated measure to amend the constitution may be placed on the ballot only at a general election". This wording was in House Concurrent Resolution 3034 in the 66th Legislative session which failed but the wording was amended to Senate Concurrent Resolution 4001 in 66th Legislative session. Engrossed Senate Concurrent Resolution 4001 passed in the 66th Legislative session to be voted in the 2020 general election which the voters of North Dakota defeated the measure by 61.61%. The voters have spoken but the legislators continue to introduce a bill like this resolution going against voter's wishes. Why?

I attended every meeting of the Initiated and Referred Measure Study Commission during 2017- 2018 65th Legislative Interim. The citizens on the study commission rejected the legislator's ideas like this resolution of the wording in section 1 and the 60% threshold because the citizens on the study commission felt the current requirements is sufficient in the North Dakota Constitution but certain legislators on the study commission would not accept the decision. In 66th legislative session, House Concurrent Resolution 3010 and Senate Concurrent Resolution 4015 had 60% threshold but failed during the legislative session. In this Legislative session, House Concurrent Resolution 3017 was introduced changing threshold to 55% but the resolution was withdrawn.

There has been legislators complaining about out of state influence and out of state money on initiated measures to the North Dakota Constitution during the

Initiated and Referred Measure Study Commission, in the 66th legislative session and this 67th legislative session but over 60 legislators in the 2020 election cycle accepted out of state PAC money. Isn't accepting out of state PAC money consider as outside influence which could influence a legislator to vote on legislative bills a certain way? Where is the ethics?

All elected Legislators need to accept the results of the 2020 general election on measure 2 "Engrossed Senate Concurrent Resolution 4001".

House Judiciary committee needs to give Senate Concurrent Resolution 4005 a DO NOT PASS recommendation.

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